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Notes from KO4ZFO (Rodney)

Dear SWARC members,

Thank you all for attending our annual SKYWARN training. Don't forget to volunteer for the SWARC table at RARSfest. If you would like to help, please let me know. Our Spring T-shirt order has come to a close and they have been delivered, so if you placed your order before February 1st, you should be receiving an email from me to confirm your order. Arrangements can be made to pick these up before RARSfest if you would like to wear it there. If not, I will bring them with me, so you can pick them up at the SWARC table. I will also bring them to our next monthly meeting on April 2nd, if you would like to pick them up then. I did order a couple of extras, but supplies are limited. If there is enough interest closer to fall, we can do another order then, so you can have a chance to order before it gets cold. We will also open the order up for long sleeve and hoodies, but these will be an additional cost. I will bring it up closer to mid-summer, to allow those orders time to be fulfilled before mid-fall. Thanks again!

Monthly Reminders

Please remember our fellow members who are dealing with various medical situations. Please reach out to these members. Even a phone call can brighten their day and give them encouragement through their recovery.

We ask you to keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Gary, KO4LQX, Kenny, KJ4CVK, Steve, KA0GMY, and Ken Castille, KN4GUS.



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Steve, KA0GMY, continues to have health issues of various sorts so remember him and his family.

Gary Plante, KO4LQX, reports:

I'm doing well, still dealing with the migrating rashes but tolerating it ok.

Hope you and the gang are doing well also.

Thanks for checking in.

Gary (Report from Richard Hall this week).

Kenny, KJ4CVK, is now in an assisted living facility.

Al Kinnamon, WA3JJG, is back among the 'living' and on the air again.

Ken Castille, KN4GUS, is still recovering from a knee replacement.

Lastly, I want to remind you that we are now taking online payments for dues and donations. We currently have a link on our website which allows you to pay your dues or make a donation. Please let us know when you pay online by emailing me, so that I can ensure your payment is marked either for dues or a donation. The link for SWARC dues is:

<https://urldefense.com/v3/https://square.link/u/h0LLrbD6?src=sms>

Rodney
KO4ZFO

Notes from NW3U (Dave)



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Hello SWARC Members,

Thanks to all who attended the Skywarn training last meeting. No program has been scheduled for the April meeting. An announcement will be made when I finalize the details.

The next public service event is NC Bike Club Spring Rally, Sunday, March 30, 2025
Location: Fainting Goat Brewing Co. Fuquay-Varina, NC. You can sign up and see other events scheduled this year at hpsnc.org.

Dave, NW3U

SWARC 5 March 2025 Meeting Minutes

Thanks to all who brought food and goodies for us to eat. It was a good-sized crowd, perhaps because of interest in the program!

The meeting began at 7:00 pm with Pledge of Allegiance led by Navin, KF4LFW. This was followed by introductions around the room and brief officer reports.

Attendees: Bill (KK4QDZ), Rodney (KO4ZFO), Richard (KR4LH), Robert (KQ4GSA), Ron (K4AAA), Steve (WB4SMS), Dave, (NW3U), Rich (KZ4ET) and wife Jane, Navin (KF4LFW), Stan (W2CK) and the following guests: Tadd Torborg (KA2DEW), Nancy Torborg (KB2TNR), Thomas Henry (KC2QVD), Lawrence Riley (KR4BGL), Brian and Wes (both with no call) and Brandon Dunstan (KI4ZCX), our guest presenter.



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Old/Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None

Program/Presentation

Guest Nancy Torborg (KB2TNR), 2025 RARSfest chairperson, made a pitch for RARSfest participation and general info about the vendors for this year, many of whom are new to the event. She had tickets for sale and encouraged club members to be active in the club and the hobby in general, particularly by supporting local hamfests.

Following Nancy, President Rodney introduced Brandon Dunstan from the Raleigh office of the NWS who was present to do our annual SKYWARN training refresher. His presentation covered all types of weather phenomena, with explanations of different cloud formations that might resemble a tornado, but are not really one. It all depends on 'rotation' of the cloud formation to be confirmed as a tornado. It was a pertinent topic since the local area had several tornado warnings throughout the afternoon. Each member and guest present received a paper with lots of good information for us to use as reporters of significant weather events.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

Christy Fernandini's report detailed income of \$142.50 in dues with expenses of \$312.60 comprised of \$244.00 for PO box renewal, a reimbursement and bank and credit card service fees. Balance of \$2,505.77 with no obligated funds.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Hall KR4LH

Secretary and Newsletter Editor

Public Service

Dave Krum announced that the 2025 season is active. To learn more about future events, you can go to <https://hpsnc.org/>.

Check the HPSNC.org web site often for Public Service opportunities. The public service season is very active and events need volunteers. You may also get to public service events on the RARS and SWARC websites.

MEMBERSHIP



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You can bring a check or cash for dues to the next meeting or mail them to the club PO box and Christy will advise she has received them. Also, you can now renew online by contacting Christy and giving her the appropriate credit card info for the 'Square' account. Christy's email is christyfernandini@outlook.com. Make checks payable to South Wake ARC and send to South Wake ARC – PO Box 1565 – Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

NET REPORT

SWARC Group – February 2025

The monthly total of check-ins was 280—a slight decrease from last month! Note that **very few** net controls record their counts, so numbers could actually be higher than recorded. The newly instituted DMR net had 13 check-ins, included in the totals for this month.

If you are a net control, please try to document your check-ins so that we can justify the trustee's provision of the repeater for our nets and other uses. If you need help with the spreadsheet software, reach out to one of us and we will try to help.

- Saturday and Sunday evenings will be called by KO4ZFO & KR4LH
- KT4JR will call Monday evenings
- KN4OEY will call Tuesday evenings
- KK4BK will call Wednesday evenings except on meeting nights
- KO4ZFO or a board member will call Thursday evenings
- Fridays will continue to be called by NC4MP
- And we need backups – JUST BECAUSE.



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Welcome to new substitute net controllers: CD Murphy (KJ4IJK), Bryant Byrd (KQ4UHZ) and Mark McFarland (KD7AAG).

Please contact Rodney Warren (KO4ZFO) or Don Nicholson (KN4OEY), if you are interested in calling one or more nets. **If you are a scheduled net controller and you are not able to call your net, please reach out and ask someone else to call it for you!**

SWARC Mission Statement

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of its members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service. Refer to the SWARC web site for the Board of Directors/Officers and Appointed Positions.

LINKS (if you have other links that you want added, send them to me)

PRN

A Wide Area Digital Amateur Radio Network

www.ncprn.net

GigaParts

www.gigaparts.com

QRZ

www.qrz.com

Ham Radio Outlet HRO

www.hamradio.com



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Raleigh Amateur Radio Society RARS

www.rars.org

Johnson Amateur Radio Society JARS

www.jars.net

South Wake Amateur Radio Club SWARC

www.southwakearc.com

Carolina 440 Network

www.carolina440.net

North Carolina Packet

www.ncpacket.com

TARPN (Terrestrial Amateur Packet Radio Net)

www.tarpn.net

Useful Ham Info

www.torborg.com/a

Five County Ham Radio Enthusiasts

www.fivecountyhre.org

Ham Study

www.hamstudy.org

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